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Title:	<b>APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MARKING TISSUE</b>		

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 09/22/2008, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 17 of this paper.